



# CITY of BEAVERTON

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## BEAVERTON TO HOST ANNUAL POOCHES ON THE GREEN ON MARCH 20

*- Dogs and Their Friends to Celebrate St. Paw-trick's Day in City Park -*

**BEAVERTON, Oregon (March 2, 2010)** – Dogs and their friends are invited to celebrate St. Paw-trick's day at the City of Beaverton's second annual Pooches on the Green event on Saturday, March 20 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in **City Park** (5<sup>th</sup> Street and Hall Boulevard). This year's event will feature the Sir James McDonald Pipe Band, Murray School of Irish Dancing, contests and a demonstration from the Beaverton Police K9 Unit.

"Pooches on the Green is a fun, family-friendly event and a great way for the community to celebrate St. Patrick's Day with their furry friends," said Mayor Denny Doyle. "My dog Brodie really enjoys this event and I'm sure the dogs and their friends who come this year will enjoy it too."

Dogs and their owners are welcome to enter costume, best kisser (dogs), silly pet tricks and look-a-like contests to win prizes provided by Nature's Pet. The Beaverton Arts Commission will also host a special dog ear art project during the event.

To participate in Pooches on the Green, owners must register each dog attending. On-site registration will be open from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. To register in advance, please visit **[www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Pooches](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Pooches)** to download a registration form.

### **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

11 a.m.	Mayor Denny Doyle & Sir James McDonald Pipe Band
11:30 a.m.	Beaverton Police K-9 demonstration
12:30 p.m.	Irish Dancing with the Dogs
1 p.m.	Dog Parade and Costume Contest
1:30 p.m.	Best Kisser and Silly Pet Tricks Contests
2:30 p.m.	Contest Winners Announced

Pooches on the Green will take place rain or shine. For more information, please visit **[www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Pooches](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/Pooches)** or call Erin Hickey, Events Program Coordinator, at (503) 350-4088.

**BEAVERTON CARES**

During the event, the Beaverton Cares awareness program will be collecting pet food and supplies for dogs in need. Many items are needed urgently including wet and dry food, shampoo, new collars, new nylon or leather leashes, stainless steel feeding bowls, nail clippers and chew toys. For a complete list of needed items or for more information about the Beaverton Cares awareness program, please contact Lani Parr at (503) 526-2243 or visit [www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BeavertonCares](http://www.BeavertonOregon.gov/BeavertonCares).

**SPONSORS**

Pooches on the Green is presented by the City of Beaverton and sponsored by KUIK (1360 AM), Nature's Pet and NW Natural. Special thanks to Aussie Rescue & Placement Helpline, Inc., Beaverton Arts Commission, Beaverton Police Department, The Beaverton Valley Times, City of Beaverton Emergency Management, Delta Society, Dove Lewis, Green Dog Cleaning Company, Guide Dogs for the Blind, Oregon Humane Society, Tualatin Hills Parks and Recreation District and Washington County Animal Control.

**EVENT RULES**

- Socialized dogs welcome.
- Dogs must be kept on a leash at all times. For safety reasons, "extend-a-leashes" will NOT be allowed.
- Female dogs in heat are not permitted.
- Officials reserve the right to refuse entry to any dog whose behavior could be dangerous to others. Please use good judgment regarding the temperament of your pet so that this event will be safe and enjoyable for everyone.
- No bikes, skateboards, rollerblades, etc. are permitted for safety reasons.
- Due to potential health risks, dogs younger than six months old cannot participate.
- Dogs entered must be currently licensed with proof of Parvo and Rabies vaccinations. You do not need to bring proof with you; if an incident occurs, you must be able to produce proof within 48 hours.

**ABOUT BEAVERTON**

Beaverton was recently named the **safest city in the Northwest** for the third consecutive year. Among other accolades, Beaverton was also lauded as one of the **Best Places to Raise Kids in America by BusinessWeek** magazine, one of the **Top 100 Best Places to Live in America by Money** magazine, an **All-America City finalist in 2005**, is recognized by the Environmental Protection Agency as a **Green Power Community** and is designated as a **Bronze Award Bicycle Friendly Community** by the League of American Bicyclists. Beaverton also enjoys the most diverse population (by percentage of population) among Oregon cities.

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